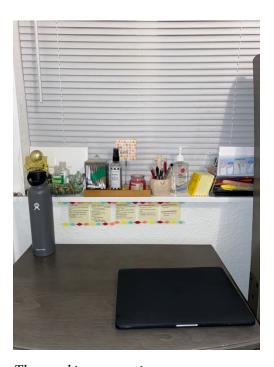ENG 182 K: SA3 Spatial Analysis

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Ever since we have been in quarantine, I have spent most of my time in my room because even after my high school graduation, school continued for me as I started my internship, then the Early Fall Start (EFS) class, and ultimately the first year of college. I have never had a working desk in my room because my room does not have enough space, and as a result, I spent most of my time studying at the Tukwila library. Once quarantine began, I did an assignment for AVID where I had to create a working space in my room, which has been extremely helpful as I have continued to use this working area for college. Once you walk into my room and look directly to the left, you can locate my nightstand that is right next to my bed. Although I spend most of my days in my room, my preferred location is confined to my nightstand. Initially, I was obligated to use my nightstand as a working desk, but I have grown to appreciate the small space. Clearly, a nightstand is an unconventional working space where one might not be able to imagine productivity, but to my surprise, it has been the most convenient working space in my apartment. Going back to the description, the nightstand has three drawers and out of the three, the last one makes from the perfect footrest that is much needed after a long day of sitting down. The very first drawer has things I use frequently like paper clips and staplers. The nightstand itself is not very spacious, but with the perfect alignment, the surface can fit my laptop, and a notebook when I take notes and attend lectures. Over time, I have become more strategic when it comes to using the limited space to my advantage; for instance, I position my laptop to the furthest right corner of the nightstand and angle it so that it is facing me in order to take notes and place other devices like a calculator while studying. Recently, I have been also taking advantage of the fact that my bed is right besides my nightstand by using it as a secondary table that can put my notebooks and

math binder on. This is especially beneficial when I am transitioning from one class to another because I can easily locate the materials I need for my next class. To utilize my space as much as possible, I use the windowsill for other essential items like sticky notes, writing utensils, a place card holder, and hand sanitizers for easy access. As I sit in class, some days I like to look out the window and watch the trees sway in different directions simultaneously. The placement of the window is perfect because it allows me to also catch a breath of fresh air after a long day of being in my room. Recently I have been enjoying listening to the sound of the rain while I work on assignments because it calms me down, so having the window against the wall has served an important purpose in keeping me focused on schoolwork. Another reason why the placement of the nightstand works in my favor is because it is very close to the heater in my room. I am anemic which mean that I get cold easily and with the fall weather, I appreciate that my working space is close to the heater because I work better in a cozy environment. Another small, but very crucial detail about my working space is the close proximity of outlets that make it convenient to charge my electronic devices while in class or working through various assignments. To add an office like feel, I have taped sticky notes on the wall with information on each of my classes. I allude to the sticky notes often because due to my busy schedule, I sometimes forget which math quiz section I am in. Even though I would have never thought of turning my nightstand into a working space in my room, it has worked well for me because I spend most of my time studying in that space. Contrary to the positives of my working area, I do have some complaints because some days my Zoom sessions do not work properly because the Wi-Fi does not work well in my room. Furthermore, my neighbors up-stairs tend to distract me from working as the children run around screaming at each other. Throughout the quarantine I have changed the layout of this space to cater to my needs and I have finally organized it to be as convenient as possible. Using

the nightstand as my working desk is limiting, but I have adapted to it and found creative ways to overcome obstacles regarding space and fatigue, hence I use the drawer as a footrest and the window to admire nature throughout the day. I wanted to share a detailed description of what my working space consists of and how it benefits me as I "attend" school from home because as arbitrary as the nightstand sounds, it can work as a miniature office.

The working space in my room.